## PUBLIC NOTICE

**CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS** 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107 and

THE S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management 1362 McMillan Avenue, Suite 400 Charleston, South Carolina 29405

REGULATORY DIVISION Refer to: P/N #2007- 1863-1IT - 1

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Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S. nd the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et.seq.) an application has been submitted Department of the Army and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control by

VIVIAN'S ISLAND, INC. C/O SEA ISLAND DOCK BUILDERS 77 ASHTON DRIVE ST. HELENA. SOUTH CAROLINA 29920

for a permit to construct a community dock in the

## BRICKYARD CREEK (ATLANTIC INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY)

at a location #2 Governor Blake Ct, Lot 32, on Lady's Island in Beaufort County, South Carolina (32.475033) Latitude, 80.691146 Longitude)

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views

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is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by both of the above mentioned offices until

## 12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

The proposed work consists of extending an existing community pier. The existing 329 ft long fixed pier connecting to a 20.5' X 20.5' fixed pier head will be extended by a 6' X 60' fixed walkway connecting to two (2) 30 ft long ramps to two (2) 10' X 50' floating docks, forming a T-head. The existing floating docks and ramps will be removed. The proposed extension will increase the channelward length of the entire structure to approximately 390 ft from the existing sea wall. The purpose of the pier extension is to provide a minimum of 5' water depth on the inside of the floats during low tide.

NOTE: Plans depicting the work described in this notice are available and will be provided, upon receipt of a written request, to anyone that is interested in obtaining a copy of the plans for the specific project. The request must identify the project of interest by public notice number and a self-addressed stamped envelope must also be provided for mailing the drawings to you. Your request for drawings should be addressed to the

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ATTN: REGULATORY DIVISION 69A Hagood Avenue Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107

The work shown on this application must also be certified as consistent with applicable provisions of the Coastal Zone Management Program (15 CFR 930). The District Engineer will not process this application to a conclusion until such certification is received. The applicant is hereby advised that supplemental information may be required by the State to facilitate the review. Persons wishing to comment or object to State certification must submit all comments in writing to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control at the above address within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice.

This initiates the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Implementation of the proposed project would impact 1000 sq ft of estuarine substrates and emergent wetlands utilized by various life stages of species comprising the red drum, shrimp, and snapper-grouper management complexes. Our initial determination is that the proposed action would not have a substantial individual or cumulative adverse impact on EFH or fisheries managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Our final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

Pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (as amended), the applicant has provided a protected species survey for the property associated with the activity described above. Based upon this report, the District Engineer has determined that the project is not likely to adversely affect any Federally endangered, threatened, or proposed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of designated or proposed critical habitat. This public notice serves as a request for written concurrence from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service on this determination.

Pursuant to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), this public notice also constitutes a request to Indian Tribes to notify the District Engineer of any historic properties of religious and cultural significance to them that may be affected by the proposed undertaking.

In accordance with the NHPA, the District Engineer has also consulted the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places for the presence or absence of registered properties, or properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein, and this worksite is not included as a registered property or property listed as being eligible for inclusion in the Register. To insure that other cultural resources that the District Engineer is not aware of are not overlooked, this public notice also serves as a request to the State Historic Preservation Office to provide any information it may have with regard to historic and cultural resources.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for a public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the project must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the project will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards,

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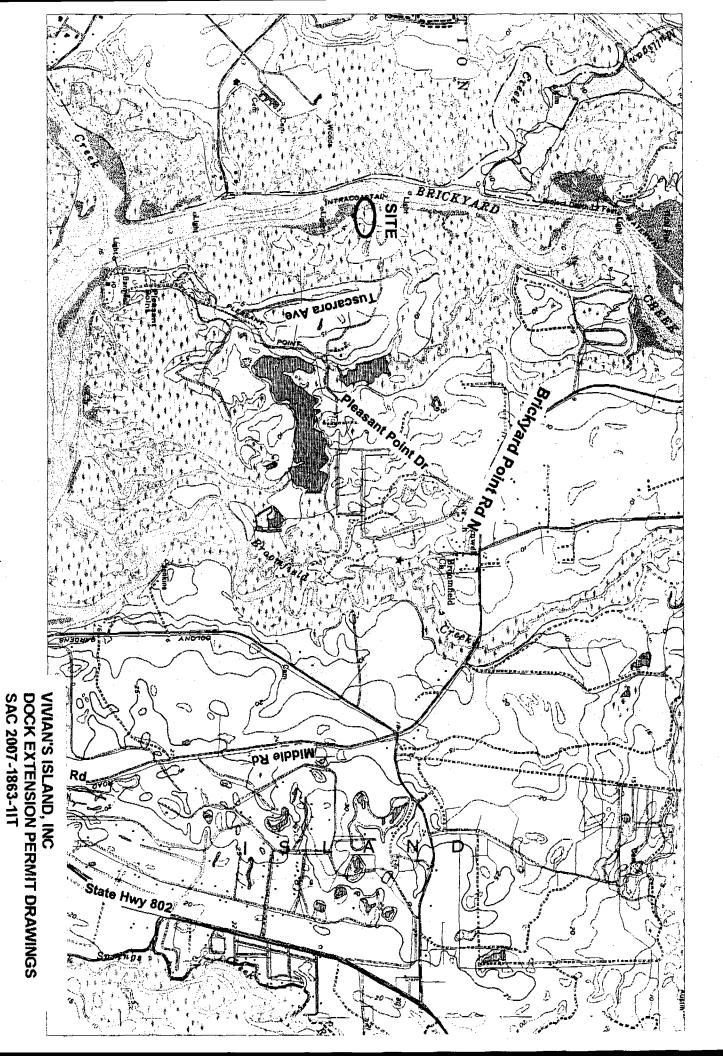
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flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. A permit will be granted unless the District Engineer determines that it would be contrary to the public interest. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this project. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

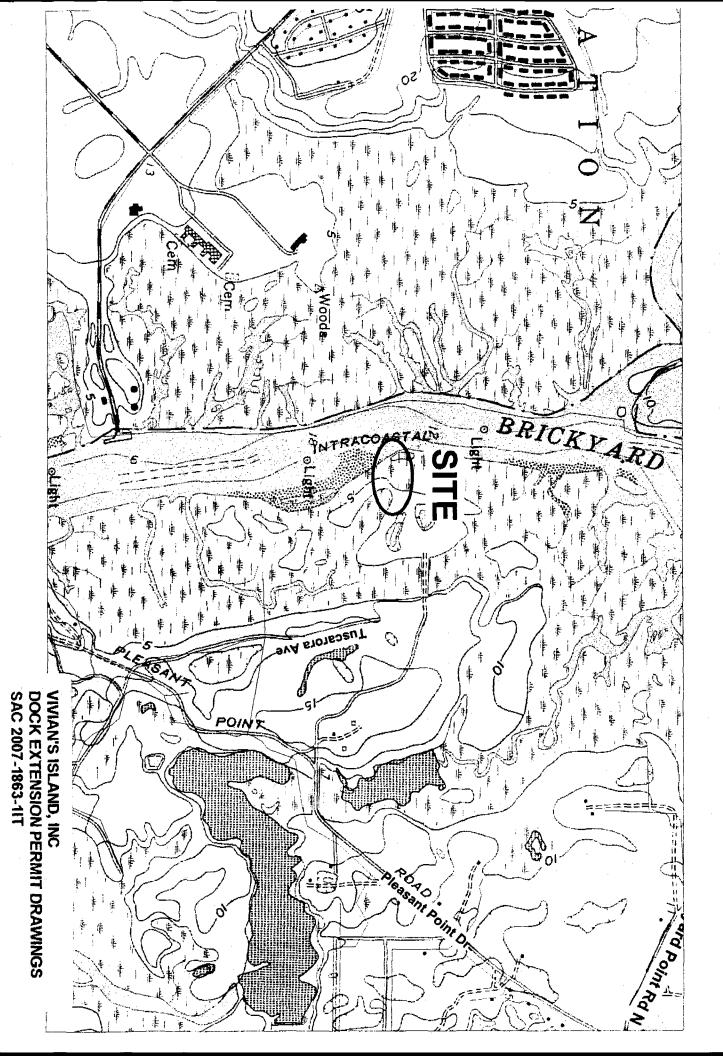
If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact Tracy C. Dotolo at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.

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Project Manager
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